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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Present Application:**

Applicant : Scott E. Moore  
Attorney Docket No. : 500199.02  
Filed : Concurrently herewith  
Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PLANARIZING A MICROELECTRONIC  
SUBSTRATE WITH A TILTED PLANARIZING SURFACE

**Prior Application:**

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Serial No. : 09/388,828

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Amend the specification by inserting a new section before the "Technical Field"  
as follows:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This application is a divisional of pending United States Patent Application  
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In the Claims:

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Please cancel claims 1-34 and 44-76.

Respectfully submitted,

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